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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a \square continuation \boxtimes divisional \square continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/786,681 filed on April 30, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

RECOMBINANT HUMAN SM-11044-BINDING RECEPTOR PROTEINS EXHIBITING LIGAND-BINDING ACTIVITIES, AND THEIR USES

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).



2. \square The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00	
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00	
		TOTAL	\$770.00	\$0.00	

- 3. A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
- 4.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
- 5. \boxtimes Enclosed is/are <u>one</u> (<u>1</u>) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/786,681 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b.

 The current application qualifies for small entity status.
- 7. \boxtimes The prior application is assigned to <u>Sumitomo</u> Pharmaceuticals Company Limited .
- 8. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. Priority of Application No(s). ____ filed in ____ on ___ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on ____.
- 9b. Priority of International Appln. PCT/JP99/04808 filed on September 6, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Japanese Application No. 253771/1998 filed

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in <u>Japan</u> on <u>September 8, 1998</u> under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

- 10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- 11. Address all future communications to:

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- 12. An extension of time for _____() month(s) until _____has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/786,681 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- 13. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Sequence	Listing	 		

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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